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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed January 28, 2005, in connection with the above-identified application.

The applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgement of receipt of the certified copies of the priority papers as well as consideration of the information cited in applicants' Information Disclosure Statement.

Claims 1-27 stand rejected under § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ito, USP 6,810,858.

In order to expedite prosecution of this application, accurate translations of the two priority documents are being prepared and will be submitted shortly.

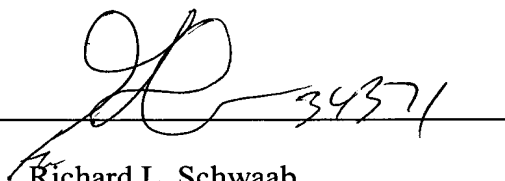
Because the applicants' date of invention proceeds the § 102(e) date of the '858 patent, the § 102(e) rejection has been overcome.

Respectfully submitted,

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